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C.I.A. AND THE CAMPUSES

✓ The National Student Association begins its 20th National Student Congress -- 14 days -- at the University of Maryland on Sunday (Aug. 13).

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THE NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION, bloody but only slightly bowed, is marching squarely into the field of fire. At its Congress at College Park, Md., ✓ Robert Amory, Jr., former deputy director of intelligence in the Central Intelligence Agency, will be one of the panelists in a discussion of "Secrecy in a Free Society: the CIA."

See Daily Service of Feb. 14, 1967: "Black Hats in the CIA."
The NSA leaders may be burnt, but they don't fear the fire. Rather, they seem to be pouring on fuel. Reservations for this year's student Congress have been running at more than double the rate of last year. More than 1,500 delegates from 330 campuses are expected to attend. In its own publicity NSA suggests that heated debate will arise over Viet Nam and the NSA connection with CIA.

See Daily Service of July 7, 1966: "The Agency Again."
The word early this year that NSA, the largest and oldest and probably the most respectable student association in the United States, had been subsidized for years by the Central Intelligence Agency created an almost immediate gag reaction. It triggered a series of disclosures, some of them by a former CIA insider, that traced a huge pattern of subsidy to private groups here and abroad.

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ALL THE PUBLICITY seems not to have hurt NSA. Since February chapters at Brandeis and Colorado State have dropped out of the student organization. But 20 colleges and universities which had not previously been members joined NSA.

"We're a lot stronger than we were before," says* W. Eugene Groves, NSA president. "More people know about us and we have some new sources of financial support."

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